

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/768,960

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed 2/2/04 and interview of 7/7/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-10 and 19-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 7/7/04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-19, drawn to a land vehicle apparatus, classified in class 280, subclass 47.24.
 - II. Claims 20 and 21, drawn to a method of raising hatchlings, classified in class 119, subclass 437.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the land vehicle apparatus having a support for rolled sheet material could be used to dispense home floor coverings such as carpeting, drop cloth, plastic, vinyl, or paper (to protect areas).

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. During a telephone conversation with Mr. Adrian D. Battison on 7/7/04 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II,

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claims 20-21. The remaining claims (Group I) have been amended according to the Examiner's Amendment that follows.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Adrian D. Battison on 7/7/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a) claims 1, 2, and 11-18 have been canceled;
- b) in claims 3,4,5,6,8, and 9, the phrase "apparatus according to claim 1" has been changed to --method according to claim 21--;
- c) in claims 7 and 10, lines 1, "apparatus" has been changed to --method--; and
- d) in claim 19, line 1, "apparatus according to claim 17" has been changed to --method according to claim 10--.

The following is an examiner's statement of **reasons for allowance**: the claims in this application have been allowed because the prior art, alone or in combination, does not disclose a method of raising hatchlings comprising: laying a strip of a sheet material over the floor of a barn for containing the hatchlings, providing a layer of feed

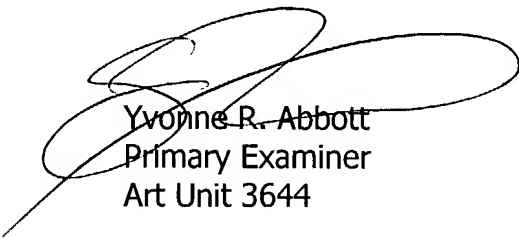
on the strip for eating by the hatchlings, placing the hatchlings on the strip, and, after the hatchlings have grown sufficiently to move from the strip, providing a vehicle having ground wheels for movement over the floor; moving the vehicle to follow a path of the strip of sheet material laid over the floor; providing a support on the vehicle for receiving a roll of the sheet material such that the sheet material can be wound into the roll from the floor as the vehicle is moved across the floor; driving rotation of the support on the vehicle for winding the strip onto the roll at a rate related to the rate of movement of the vehicle to wind up the strip as the vehicle moves along the strip; and removing the wound roll from the support for disposal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yvonne R. Abbott whose telephone number is (703)308-2866. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00 flex schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone can be reached on (703)306-4198. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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